

Community Technology Fund 2001 Reviewers

1 Technology Learning Center in Laurel Senior Citizen Center, City of Laurel

The project we would like to implement would consist of placing a computer, printer and access to Internet and email in the Laurel Senior Citizen Center. Technical assistance will be obtained from Laurel-Concord School. Instruction and encouragement in learning to use the computers, Internet and email will be given on a volunteer basis using citizens in our community and youth from our school.

Reviewers:

Anne Byers, NITC*; Ann Stephens, Fremont Public Library; Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library

*After this, listed as Anne.

#2 Internet Access for Children, Scottsbluff Public Library

With the aid of the Community Technology Fund, the library plans to purchase two personal computers with Internet access for the children's department and to install filtering software on those computers. Additionally, in order to insure more privacy for Internet users, privacy screens will be added to all the Internet computers in the library (the two new computers in the children's department and the eight computers in the adult department). By doing this, the Scottsbluff Public Library will enhance the educational opportunities it offers to all its patrons, most especially children under twelve.

Reviewers:

Anne; Ted Smith, Norfolk Public Library; Ron Heezen, Omaha Public Library

#3 Long Pine Continuing Education and Resource Center, City of Long Pine

North Central Nebraska has significant needs for a broad-based education, resources, and information services due to our geographic location. The project would include cooperative programming, and the coordination and delivery of education, technology and resources to meet the needs of the region for sustaining community and economic development. The center will have interconnections with the NEB*SAT Network and other distance learners across the state, country, and world to provide a new avenue for business communications. The center would be a clearinghouse for regional education offerings and will furnish access to learning opportunities- especially for place-bound, time-bound nontraditional learners.

Reviewers:

Anne; Max Thacker, UNMC; Mike Beach, NET

4 Development of a Strategic Technology Plan, City of Nebraska City

Our proposed project would include the development of a "Strategic Technology Plan" and would include a set of Action Plans and Action Teams to implement the resultant recommendations. It

appears that a good portion of the planning would be to develop a "four phase information technology plan" to identify existing levels of technology capabilities and usage and then to create an environment for the evolution to higher levels of capacity and use for the extended community.

Reviewers:

Anne; Craig Schroeder, Rural Development Commission; Gene Hand, Public Service Commission

#5 Technological Computer Lab, John A. Stahl Library

Due to the heavy usage of our present public access computers, we propose to develop a computer lab in the John Stahl Library featuring the latest in computer technology. These Internet connected computers would be available for individual or group use. Development of a computer lab would enhance our ability to offer computer technology to more of the public.

Reviewers:

Anne; Ann Stephens, Fremont Public Library; Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library

#6 Educating Through Mobile Technology, Homer Community School

Our intentions are to provide a portable computer lab consisting of 24 portable computers located on a portable cart that can be connected to the internet via high speed wireless networking. Not only do we hope to reach the students of Homer Community School but also the adults of the community through adult education classes. We also will offer an open computer lab that will allow others who don't have high speed access to the internet to have that access. Another aspect of our project is to allow access of the mobile lab to the HIWAY organization during the summer to facilitate learning with the youth and adults in our community. Our project will also provide for the technical expertise needed to install and maintain this mobile technology.

Reviewers:

Anne; Bob Sweeney, AIM Institute; Rick Golden, UNL

#7 Computer Replacements, Central City Public Library

With the combination of grant and matching funds the library will replace computers that are 4 years or older. The computers that are in need of replacement are the nine used by the public and the two used at the front desk. Our library has high-speed wireless Internet access, net library, and electronic databases, yet the computers are unreliable, inoperable (at times), and hanging on their last microchip.

Reviewers:

Anne; Ann Stephens, Fremont Public Library; Mary Wernke, Alliance businesswoman

#8 Interactive Community Computer Kiosk, City of Grand Island

The project proposes to develop a public access, self-service kiosk, which dispenses information, services, and programs in response to user input. The kiosk will be designed to include Point-of-Information (POI), Point-of-Purchase (POP), and Internet capability. The kiosk will be located in a northwest Grand Island retail outlet to provide convenient, coordinated, and centralized access to public information via computer regarding the community and surrounding areas. Grant funds will be used to design and purchase the kiosk, to purchase, install and configure a web server hardware and software, and to provide a power source and a T1 line. Information will be available relative to City and County government, with links to other sites including: area communities, State and Federal entities, medical facilities, educational organizations, human service organizations, and area attractions. Once implemented, the off-site computer can be connected to the City's web server and updated both remotely and simultaneously providing up-to-date information on a regular basis.

Reviewers:

Ron Bowmaster, NIDCAC; Lance Hedquist, City of South Sioux City; Chris Anderson, City of Ashland

#9 Web Student/Volunteer Production Project (WSVPP), Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area

Through projects and activity workshops, students/volunteers will be able to make education technological productions that will be shown over the agency Web site and through visitor center theater productions. This will also enable the visitor center to become uplinked with other public schools, colleges, libraries and other parks throughout the nation/world and connect them to share our projects with the Internet community. We would also like to work with local businesses by having workshops showing them how to develop their own Web sites. By doing this it would have the potential to promote area businesses and develop computer skills amongst our users. The project needs laptop computers, a digital camera and an LCD projector.

Reviewers:

Anne; Bob Sweeney, AIM Institute; Craig Schroeder, Rural Development Commission

#10 Rural Nebraska Technology Lab - 2001, Midland Area on Aging - Webster County

We have had numerous request to set up a Technology Lab; computers, e-mail, printers, scanners, copiers, digital, fax...training to teach them how to use the various technology, and future accessibility to the equipment. We have formed a partnership with the Red Cloud FFA organization and their advisor, to provide students to be the teachers, the students are very excited about the prospect of volunteer teaching. The Elm Street Intergenerational Center will provide the space and utilities to support the project. The next step to implement the project is the start-up funding for equipment and transmission cost.

Reviewers:

Anne; Sue Finkral, Midwest MicroSystems; Craig Schroeder, Rural Development Commission

#11 Libraries Help Build Communities, Valley Public Library

The grant will fund equipment, computer software and database subscriptions, networking and internet lines and connections, training for the Library Director, training for the volunteer teachers, technical support and a cabinet in which to house the computers for purposes of security as well as ease in transporting them.

The lab will consist of 13 networked laptop computers (12 for students and one for the teacher, an LCD or other display device and a networkable printer. The lab can be used at the library where instruction in use of computers and the Internet can be given. The lab can also be transported to places in and around Valley such as the nursing home where similar instruction can be given. Literally, the lab could be transported and set up wherever instruction was needed such as a community room, a business, or places where civic groups meet.

Reviewers:

Anne; Ron Heezen, Omaha Public Library; Ted Smith, Norfolk Public Library

#12 Creating a Common Framework for Integrating Surface Water Data, Lower Platte North Natural Resources District

This project will develop a standardized, surface water, geospatial database (map), to facilitate the collection and integration of data and public policies of multiple state, local, and federal agencies that make or implement public policies related to Nebraska's surface water. Specifically, this project will develop a digital, (1:24,000-scale) geospatial database (map), with associated attributes, for the surface water features in the Salt Creek watershed in eastern Nebraska. This geospatial database will be based on a model specifically designed to provide a common reference, surface water database to facilitate multipurpose use and inter-agency collaboration.

Reviewers:

Larry Zink has been asked to identify three reviewers

#13 Techno - C.A.T.S (Community and Teenagers Sharing Technology), Maxwell Public School

Maxwell Public School is completing a new addition which will include a computer lab and a distance learning center. Students will use their technological skills to teach adults in the Maxwell community, as in turn the teenagers enrich their knowledge of the community and its history.

Reviewers:

Anne; Gerry Kluch, Ogallala businessman; Max Thacker, UNMC

#14 The Technologically Empowered Elected Official, Lower Platte North Natural Resources District

To accomplish this, LPNNRD will facilitate and assist local government with implementation of these technologies. This will be accomplished by linking each of the LPNNRD's 19-Member Board to the District Office with the purchase of laptop computers and modems. Since 1993, the

District has been developing a Geographic Information System (GIS) that combines digital information with geo-referenced mapping overlays. Our plan is to place this technology on each Director's laptop computer for making local resources decisions and as an outreach tool from our Wahoo Office.

Reviewers:

Ron Bowmaster, NIDCAC; Lance Hedquist, City of South Sioux City; Chris Anderson, City of Ashland

#15 KCH Clinic Integrated Practice Management and Electronic Medical Record Project, Kimball County Hospital Clinic

As part of our strategic plan, we intend to harness the power of technology to solve and/or reduce the effects of these challenges as follows:

1. We will provide better access to information with the use of electronic medical records.
2. Quality medical providers, whether they are physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, etc. expect to have access to resources available via technology. This project will allow them to have access to continuing education via the Internet, research capabilities, as well as patient education materials. It will also facilitate compliance with several federal regulations.
3. Automating several tasks reduces the chance of human error, and allows the support staff to perform patient care activities and not so much "paper pushing".
4. Harnessing the power of technology will allow us to utilize personnel more efficiently. It will allow us to eliminate approximately 90% of dictation time and the corresponding transcription costs.

Reviewers:

Harold Krueger, Chadron hospital; Ted Schultz, Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems; Don Cope, Faith Regional

#16 Greeley Learning and Technology Center, City of Greeley

Funding of \$25,000 from NITC would allow Phase 1 of the three-year, \$400,000 project to be completed. Phase 1 includes consolidating the current city and school library facilities into one; purchasing computer equipment, software, and business resources; and establish/implement a plan of operation, including hiring a part time media coordinator.

Reviewers:

Anne; Tom Rolfes, NITC; Max Thacker, UNMC

#17 Kearney Public Library Technological Enhancement, City of Kearney

By upgrading this equipment the library can help provide the basic skills that children need to operate a computer, and also provide access to a computer, which many still do not have. The library would also like to make documents more readily available to the public thru the Internet.

Documents would include library documents and possibly city documents. What this project would consist of is upgrading a few old public computers, Proxima equipment, software, and scanners.

Reviewers:

Anne; Ann Stephens, Fremont Public Library; Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library

#18 Relocation/Remodeling/Updating of Hooper Public Library, Hooper Public Library/City of Hooper

The city of Hooper in partnership with the Hooper Library board is in the process of relocating, remodeling, and updating the existing library structure and technology capabilities. We will have need for these computers, a networked printer, computer desks and chairs. We would also like to implement an electronic database for cataloging materials and circulation management.

This move also presents an opportunity to cooperate with the elementary school which would like to upgrade their internet connectivity from the present 56k frame relay circuit connection. We would like to create an extended local area network that would allow a sharing arrangement between the two facilities. For example, the monthly cost of a single T1 line could be shared as well as reducing the initial cost of implementation. We could also share the electronic databases for materials in the two facilities as well as share a single server to run the application software. It would even be possible to put this database "on-line" so that the other elementary school buildings in our district would have access to it.

Reviewers:

Anne, Mary Wernke, Alliance businesswoman; Ann Stephens, Fremont Public Library

#19 Online Tribal Government, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

In an effort to reduce the digital divide, the Omaha Tribe proposes to place non-proprietary governmental, administrative, and programmatic information on the Internet that will serve as an online resource for tribal members, non-Indians, researchers, and state governmental agencies. This information will improve tribal members' understanding of services that are available to them. Information on the tribe will be designed to provide non-Indian viewers with publications and written material that are of historical and educational significance.

Reviewers:

Anne; Lance Hedquist, City of So. Sioux City; Mike Nolan, City of Norfolk

#20 City of Lincoln Technology Infrastructure Audit, City of Lincoln, Finance Department

The project will conduct a study examining the social and economic impact of existing technology infrastructure while determining current and future technology needs of the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County in relationship to the economic region.

Project Activities:

1) Conduct an assessment of present and potential businesses in Lincoln, knowledge and training, and technology providers.

- 2) Review other similar cities' technology infrastructure.
- 3) Assess strategies and supporting documentation to assist providers in justifying increased investment in Lincoln.
- 4) Develop an E-commerce strategy

Reviewers:

Steve Schafer, CIO; Brenda Decker, DOC; Gene Hand, Public Service Commission

#21 Access for a Better Crete through Technology Language Communication, Blue Valley Community Action

The project will use language translation technologies to address the critical shortage of bi-lingual translators in rural areas. The project will demonstrate the use and impact of interactive translators systems delivering textual, streaming audio/visual, and email content over the WWW. English speaking mentors teamed with Spanish speaking immigrants will use technology as a common ground to significantly shorten the time needed to engage in high quality cross-cultural contact.

The project will also demonstrate a model for development of rural capacity to support technology in the face of youth migration to urban areas, and intense competition for graduates with technical skills by drawing knowledge from the students in the School to Work, Spanish and technology classes at the Crete High School and Doane College.

Reviewers:

Anne

I've contacted Vickie Scow with the Nebraska Department of Education

#22 Advanced Master Navigator Curriculum Development and Training, UNL Center for Applied Rural Innovation (CARI)

Master Navigator, a national training program developed in Nebraska, is designed for new Internet users. Individuals learn the basics of using the Internet such as how to: find information; use bookmarks, e-mail and search engines; download and save information; and design a simple Web page.

The proposed project is to develop and deliver an Advanced Master Navigator curriculum through which graduates of the first Master Navigator program can learn technology skills to compliment and enhance skills developed by participating in the first course. Participants will learn techniques related to: computer trouble shooting; advanced browsing; Web site development; online shopping and security; completing and submitting forms; Internet conferencing; listservs; and software packages. The course will be open to anyone with basic Internet and computer experience, and will be taught by trained instructors.

Reviewers:

Anne; Sue Finkral, Midwest MicroSystems; Gerry Kluch, Ogallala businessman

#23 Agriculture E-Commerce Curriculum Development and Training , UNL Center for Applied Rural Innovation (CARI)

Using the Nebraska Main Street program as a model, curriculum will be developed for agricultural e-commerce. Participants will learn to explore for online information, how to use the Internet in their daily decision making, and how producers are currently using e-commerce to conduct business, as well as the costs involved. The curriculum will teach them how the Internet is another tool available to them for making decisions that will lead to the sustainability of their operations. The curriculum will be offered to producers by trained instructors.

Reviewers:

Anne; Gerry Kluch, Ogallala businessman; Craig Schroeder, Rural Development Commission

#24 Education Videos to Help Communities Understand Telecommunication Infrastructure Alternatives, UNL Center for Applied Rural Innovation (CARI)

This project proposes to develop a videotape to explain the technical aspects and costs associated with the various technologies, e.g., wireless, satellite, cable, ISDN, DSL, etc. The video would be used by community organizations such as Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis, as well as public access channels.

An accompanying discussion guide will be developed for Extension Educators to use when presenting the video to community groups. The guide will help facilitate follow-up discussion to the options that meet the needs of the community.

Reviewers:

Anne; Stu Miller, Department of Economic Development; Sue Finkral, Midwest MicroSystems

#25 Technology-based Education for Health Occupations, Southeast Community College

The project will provide two distance health occupations associate degree programs to rural Nebraska. Both Internet-based courses and two-way interactive television will be employed in the project. The project will serve as a model for the state and nation in the strengthening of rural health infrastructure through the use of technology and through shared responsibility for educational programming. Within the context of this project, the NITC proposal will request the necessary computer hardware and software for faculty (1) to develop instructional materials for online use and (2) to communicate with distance students. The proposed budget will be for laptop computers with Ethernet cards. Laptop technology will assure access and flexibility to faculty working at various sites. SCC will request between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the technology.

Reviewers:

Anne; Donna Hammack, St. Elizabeth Foundation; Harold Krueger, Chadron hospital

#26 Aurora Technology Business Incubator, City of Aurora

Hamilton County Information Technology, Inc. (HCITI) has been working to encourage information technology business development in our area, and most recently has focused on creating a business incubator that could foster the development of new information technology based businesses.

We are asking the NITC Community Technology Fund to provide \$25,000 towards the renovation and technology infrastructure improvements in the incubator facility, and the creation of the incubator services and educational programs. This support would help to ensure that every business located in the Aurora Technology Business Incubator would have high-speed internet access and the other facilities and services necessary to compete successfully in today's marketplace.

Reviewers:

Anne; Stu Miller, Department of Economic Development; Brenda Decker, DOC

#27 Sherman County Technology Project, Sherman County

The goal of the project is to establish an infrastructure within the courthouse building that will allow all government offices to be networked together and have immediate Internet accessibility. All hardware, software and other support needs would be updated and coordinated within the building to ensure the most efficient and cost effective use to the county. Also, a part of this project would be an education program to allow Sherman County government offices to establish a web site so that citizens could retrieve information such as minutes, board agendas, tax information, and valuation and also provide a resource directory of services available and enable citizens to contact government officials through e-mail.

Reviewers:

Ron Bowmaster, NIDCAC; Lance Hedquist, City of So. Sioux City; Mike Nolan, City of Norfolk

#28 Public Library and Public School Computer Connections, Crawford Public Library

Because our community is small, we hope to consolidate our school and public libraries with computer connections. The Public Library would also purchase computers for internet and after school programs for children in the community. We have need of educational CD's and computers for children to practice on while waiting for parents and during their after school free time.

Reviewers:

Anne; Mary Wernke, Alliance businesswoman; Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library

#29 Scribner Community Technology Program, Scribner Public Library

The Scribner Public Library and the City of Scribner propose to cooperate on a project involving purchase of new internet computers for the library and the addition of one more internet computer for the city, plus the development of web sites for the city, the library and for any businesses currently having internet access.

Reviewers:

Anne; Mary Wernke, Alliance businesswoman; Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission

#30 Telehealth System for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People, Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is establishing a Telehealth system to provide access to deaf and hard of hearing persons in remote areas of the state to mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse services. Through an innovation grant from ValueOptions, the Commission will install a T1 circuit that will provide additional bandwidth connections with the quality of video required for signing or interpreting at a distance. The Commission will have a dedicated connection of the Commission's two facilities to the videoconferencing system on the Nebraska Video Conference Network and the NEB SAT satellite network. Initially, the project will begin with the Lincoln and Omaha sites.

Reviewers:

Donna Hammack, St. Elizabeth Foundation; Brenda Decker, DOC; Mike Beach, NET

#31 Fiber Optic Learning Center, Valley County Economic Development Board

The fiber optic learning center project can be described as a fiber-optic based, full-motion, interactive video connection to virtually anywhere in the world with a dial-up connection. Classes could be taken through Central Community College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Kearney and many other institutions. Businesses could have their employees attend seminars that are currently only available by driving a distance of 70 miles or more. The hospital could provide continuing education and a method of completing the Registered Nursing Program through BryanLGH for Licensed Practical Nurses. There is also a program for Certified Nurse Assistants to become Licensed Practical Nurses. Overall, this project would provide benefit to many sectors of the different communities by allowing continued education and workshop opportunities for residents.

Reviewers:

Donna Hammack, St. Elizabeth Foundation; Ted Shultz, Nebraska Association of Hospitals; Len Benson, Faith Regional

#32 Brainard Community Technology Center, Village of Brainard

The proposed project will provide funds for equipment, training of volunteers who will staff the center, and consultants in program design, programming and evaluation of the project. The proposed project will utilize information technology to provide opportunities for people with limited computer skills to access a computer and learn to use a computer for word processing, e-

mail and use of the Internet. We plan to develop promotional information on the Web for prospective residents and business in the Brainard area. We will also utilize the center to access training information for the local fire department.

Reviewers:

Anne; Bob Sweeney, Midwest Microsystems; Gerry Kluch, Ogallala businessman

#33 Technology Expansion and Improvement, Butler Memorial Library--Cambridge, NE

Offering public internet access has necessitated the addition of three computers, one color printer and one Macintosh computer with supporting software to our library. The addition of high-speed wireless internet connection now available will also better serve our patrons in a more time-efficient manner. These improvements may require additional hours and training of our staff and director.

Reviewers:

Anne; Ron Heezen, Omaha Public Library; Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission

#34 Crete.Gov On-line, City of Crete

The proposed project is the creation of a city website, which will provide Crete citizens up-to-date information regarding all aspects of city government on a 24/7 basis. The proposed project will provide citizens access to e-services such as citywide FAQs, municipal code, zoning regulations, legal notices, council meeting minutes, street closings, public forums, library renewals, community calendar, employment opportunities, even their utility usage data, without having to do so during business hours.

Equipment costs for the proposed project include approximately \$6,000 for a server and \$3,000 (\$250 X 12 months) for a DSL with router and IP address for a total of \$9,000 in project related equipment costs. It should be noted that a DSL is not yet available in Crete but will be at the end of 1st quarter 2001.

Reviewers:

Ron Bowmaster, NIDCAC; Mike Nolan, City of Norfolk; Chris Anderson, City of Ashland

#35 Superior Net, City of Superior

The library has been trying for several years to place their card catalog online. To do this, we will need to purchase a server, and the appropriate software, and to design and implement a website. The Business Development and Technology Center would like to enhance its distance learning and teleconferencing capabilities. The area workforce is in great need of upgrading on computer and other technology related skills. This would require some additional equipment.

Reviewers:

Ted Smith, Norfolk Public Library; Ron Heezen, Omaha Public Library; Jeff Gilderson--Duwe, Holdrege Public Library

#36 Public Library: Automation Project and School Unification and Alteration of Attendance Sites, City of Humboldt Public Library

Using Follett's Web Collection Plus, we propose the joint purchase off Follett Software and services, the purchase of 3 Windows NT servers, and the needed contractual support & maintenance contract for 1 year of tech support from a regional vendor for Humboldt Public Library and Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer public school libraries.

Reviewers:

Ted Smith, Norfolk Public Library; Ron Heezen, Omaha Public Library; Jeff Gilderson--Duwe, Holdrege Public Library

#37 Cozad Center Technology Access, Educational Service Unit 10

Personnel at ESU 10 and at the Cozad Center are collaborating to solve the problem of unreliable Internet access currently experienced by the Cozad Center. With the existing connection, there is no effective way to manage , the current system. A wireless protocol will enable Educational Service Unit 10 to administer the network, to provide adequate and timely Internet browsing, and to collaborate in providing a filtering solution, especially for the Wilson Library and Cozad Public Schools.

The system will require installation of antennas at the city offices building, the library , and the three school buildings. Additional hubs and routers may be required.

Reviewers:

Brenda Decker, DOC; Another volunteer from DOC; Rick Golden, UNL

#38 Village of Hemingford Library Technology Improvement Project, Village of Hemingford

1. Upgrade the library's computer hardware with two new computers and workstations with printers and monitors.
2. Install DSL Services for full-time Internet access.

Funding will be requested to purchase the computers, workstations and DSL service.

Reviewers:

Anne; Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission; Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library

#39 Economic Development /Community Web Site, Economic Development Task Force

This project is designed to incorporate information available from the City of Sutton and its entities, the Economic Development Task Force, the Sutton Public School district and the Sutton business community into one Web site.

Reviewers:

Anne; Stu Miller, Department of Economic Development; Craig Schroeder, Rural Development Commission

#40 From Plowshares to PC's: Creating a Learning Community in South Central Nebraska,
Central Community College -Holdrege Center & University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension

CCC-HC and UNL Cooperative Extension -Phelps/Gosper propose to offer a training program entitled: From Plowshares to PCs: Creating a Learning Community in South Central Nebraska, designed to provide health care, education, business and industry entities and community residents with a technological avenue by which to acquire information technology skills.

Funding for this project will allow a series of information technology training courses, using computer-based interactive learning modules (e.g. Microsoft Office, Master Navigator, Managing Electronic Main Street and Web Page Design), to be delivered by a trainer, to identified sites, through the use of a mobile computer lab (providing eight workstations).

Reviewers:

Anne; Sue Finkral, Midwest Microsystems; Bob Sweeney, AIM Institute

#41 Senior Connection, Beatrice Public Library & Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging

The Beatrice Public Library and Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging plan to apply for a total of 11 wireless computers (8 for the Library, 3 for the Senior Center) for increased citizen access to electronic resources and services offered through the internet. This is designed to make it easier for senior citizens to use computer services at both the Library and Senior Center by offering the same type of computer, one that can even be moved to the setting within each facility that is most comfortable for the users. (The College and Public Schools in Beatrice have since upgraded to wireless systems.)

Reviewers:

Anne; Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission; Ted Smith, Norfolk Public Library

#42 Dundy County Hospital Creation and Implementation of an Enterprise Intranet,
Dundy County Hospital

Dundy is seeking to develop and implement an enterprise wide Intranet to facilitate enterprise communication amongst health system networks, leverage technology and provide a means for disseminating proprietary information internally (not for public view) reducing administrative costs and man-hours. As with all information regarding healthcare, Dundy will be dealing with highly confidential and proprietary information and the utmost care should be taken from a security standpoint.

Reviewers:

Harold Krueger, Chadron Hospital; Ted Schultz, Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems; Don Cope, Faith Regional

#43 McCool Junction Community Technology Connection, McCool Junction Public School

Our school and village would like to provide a Long Distance Learning Station at the high school site. Members of the community would be able to monitor seminars and take higher education classes from this site. The village office of McCool Junction does not have internet capabilities

in their office location. The school is willing to provide a room with an internet connection, maintenance on equipment as well CIS technical support for the Learning Station. School personnel are willing to arrange "tech time" for village personnel, McCool Junction industrial personnel and patrons of McCool Junction to help promote higher education.

To achieve our goal the Village of McCool Junction and the McCool Junction Public School will need to establish a fiber optic line to the school and purchase a router along with a IP Cart for Long Distance Learning.

Reviewers:

Anne; Max Thacker, UNMC; Mike Beach, NET